

Boone House
HO-858
4010 Hunt Avenue Road, Ellicott City
Howard County
Ca. 1928
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-858

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Boone House

other n/a

2. Location

street and number 4010 Hunt Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Ellicott City ___ vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James and Erma Wissinger

street and number 4010 Hunt Avenue telephone 410-465-4274

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Land Records liber 392 folio 130

city, town Columbia tax map 25 tax parcel 13 tax ID number 145

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				<u>0</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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House

Exterior

The Boone House (ca. 1928) is a 2-story, 3-bay, porch-front, four-square house with a hipped roof in good condition. The house has a parged concrete foundation, asphalt or asbestos shingle siding, an asphalt shingle roof, a wood porch, and recent one-over-one replacement windows.

The 3-bay front facade of the Boone House faces northeast. The front facade is symmetrical about its entry bay. On the 1st story, a simple Colonial Revival entry consists of pilasters and flat pediment framing the front door, which is recent. Two windows flank the front door. The 2nd story window openings are vertically aligned with 1st floor openings. A small window opening, which lights the 2nd floor bathroom, is located above the entry. A 1-story hipped roof porch extends across the front facade. A wide wood stair leads up to the porch and gives the house a welcoming appearance. The porch has aluminum columns, railings, and ceiling, a wood floor, and concrete piers.

The northwest side elevation is 2-bays wide. The elevation has two window openings on both the 1st and 2nd stories, which are vertically aligned. The western 1st story window, which lights the kitchen, is smaller. The cellar has one small window opening and a door opening. The window opening is vertically aligned with eastern 1st and 2nd story windows and the door opening is offset to the east of the western 1st and 2nd story window openings.

The southeast side elevation is 2-bays wide. The elevation has two window openings on both the 1st and 2nd stories, which are vertically aligned. An interior brick fireplace chimney runs between the window bays and pierces the roof's southeast slope.

The southwest (rear) facade is 3-bays wide. A recent screened-in porch covers the two northern bays. The 2nd story has three window openings.

Interior

The Boone House has a center hall plan. The living room is located across the southern half of the house, the dining room is located in the northeast quarter of the house, and the kitchen is located in the northwest quarter of the house. The 2nd floor has a hall and bathroom located over the 1st floor hall and four bedrooms. The current owners have added a powder room behind the stair on the 1st floor. The interior retains most of its original features including simple arts and crafts type wood trim, wood stair, five-panel doors, claw-foot bathtub, and a brick fireplace surround.

Garage

The existing garage is a recent 1-story wood structure constructed on the concrete foundation of the original garage.

Site

The house is located on an .182-acre suburban lot in a small subdivision, which was laid out in 1927 and developed slowly through the mid-20th century. The house is set surrounded by a lawn. A few trees and some ornamental plantings frame the house. The garage is set along the rear property line in the northwest corner of the lot and the drive runs perpendicular to the street. A stone retaining wall, which appears original to the site, lines the drive and front edge of the property. A concrete front walk runs perpendicular to the street from the roadway to the front entry.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Owners and occupants

Frederick W. Boone, Jr. and his wife Mary Louise purchased the lot for 4010 Hunt Avenue from Caleb Rogers - who was in real estate - in 1928, took a \$3000 mortgage, and built the Boone House in the following year.¹ Frederick W. Boone, Jr. - a carpenter - was the eldest son of a Howard County house carpenter. He was 21 years old in 1928.² The Boone's defaulted on their mortgage and James and Myrtle Ridgely bought the house at auction for \$3310 in 1929. In 1930, Frederick, Jr. (aged 23), M. Louise (aged 21), and their children aged 2 and 8 months had moved in with her parents, Joseph and Julia Eyer.³ In 1930, James Ridgely was a telephone lineman. He and Myrtle moved to 4010 Hunt Avenue from Clarksville Pike.⁴ The Ridgelys purchased an additional 7.1 acres from the Rogers in 1938. James Ridgely died in 1953. Myrtle Ridgely married John M. Reedy and they owned the house until 1962. In 1962, the current owners, James and Erma Wissinger bought the house. Mr. Wissinger was a field service coordinator and the Wissingers, following the trend of post-World War II migration to Howard County, moved to the area for improved job prospects.

¹ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fifteenth Census of United States: 1930, Population Schedule**, ED 14-5, Sheet 7A.

² Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Twelfth Census of United States: 1900, Population Schedule**, ED 80, Sheet 17B; Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Thirteenth Census of United States: 1910, Population Schedule**, ED 50, Sheet 16A; Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fourteenth Census of United States: 1920, Population Schedule**, ED 59, Sheet 13A.

³ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fifteenth Census of United States: 1930, Population Schedule**, ED 14-8, Sheet 1A.

⁴ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fifteenth Census of United States: 1930, Population Schedule**, ED 14-5, Sheet 7A.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census. **Census of United States: Population Schedule, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930.**
Howard County Land Records, Dorsey Building, Columbia. See attached chain of title for specific libers and folios.
Goold, Jennifer. Interview with Jim and Erma Wissinger, December 13, 2004.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____ .184 _____
Acreage of historical setting _____ .184 _____
Quadrangle name _____ Ellicott City _____ Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000 _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of Boone House corresponds to Howard County Map 25, Grid 13, Parcel 145, which is the building's current legal lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Jennifer Goold, Historic Site Surveyor		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	December 17, 2004
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

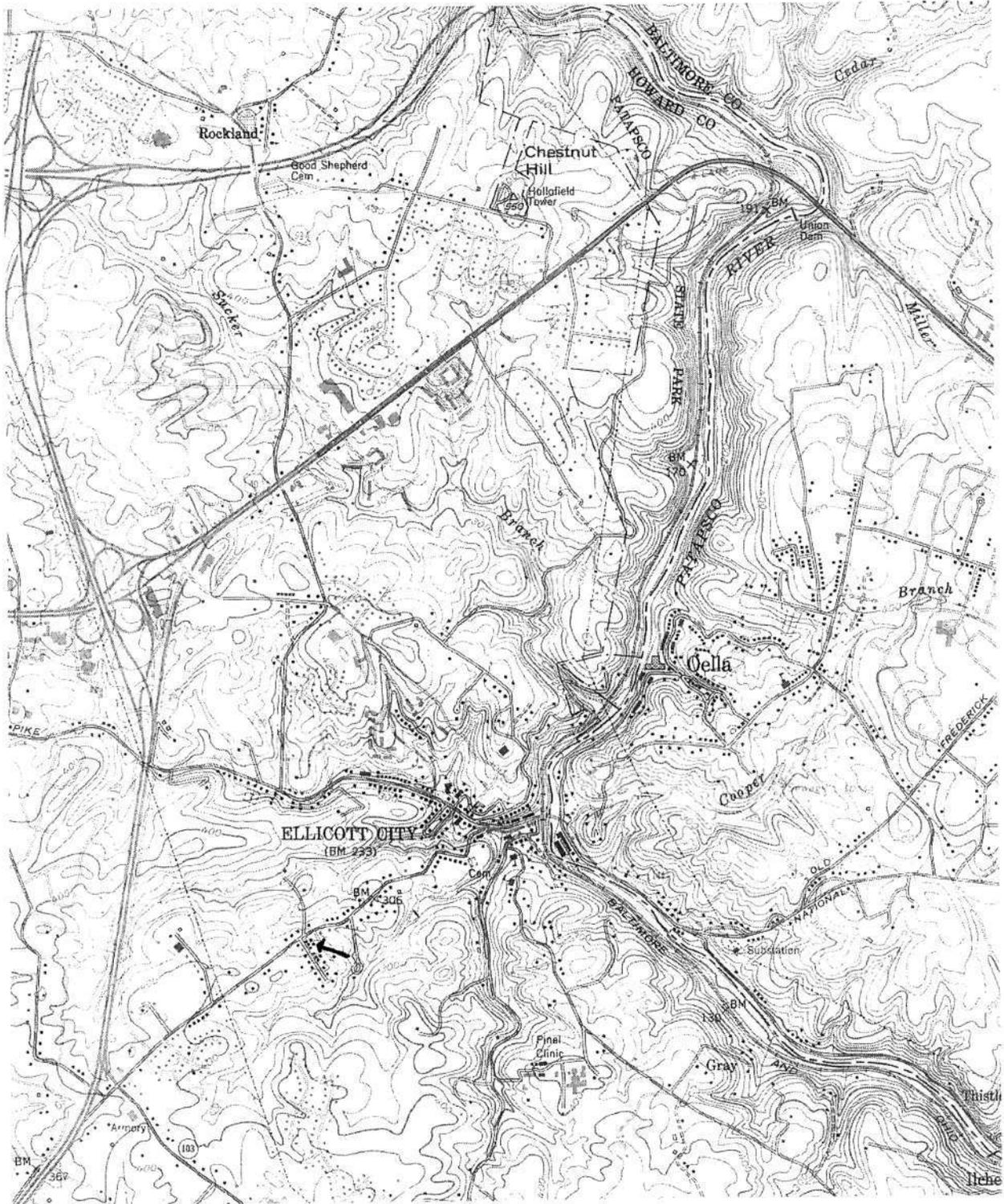
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Site Plan/Aerial Photo



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USGS Ellicott City Quad



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Howard County, MD

Jennifer Goold

December 2004

MD SHPO

View SW. Shows front facade.

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Howard County, MD

Jennifer Good

December 2004

MD SHPO

View S. Shows house from drive.

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Boone House

Howard County, MD

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December 2004

MD SHPO

View N. Shows house from backyard.

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Howard County, MD

Jennifer Gould

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View S. Shows Living Room.

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